DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

HIGGINS PATRICIA

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

07/15/2005

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. NO. 981, P.O. BOX 20574

(State)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA,, GA 30320

(City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Amount

3,896,104

7. Nature of 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect Following (Instr. 4)

(A)

Code V

Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or (D) Price

D

Common Stock

07/15/2005

3,896.104 A (1) 3.85

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | (2) | 07/15/2005 | | A | 1,573.597 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,573.597 (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 7 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| HIGGINS PATRICIA DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. NO. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA,, GA 30320 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Patricia L.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Higgins 07/18/2005

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares acquired under Delta's Non-employee Directors' Stock Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- Phantom Stock Units were accrued under Delta's Non-employee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under

Date

(2) Rule 16b-3(d). They are convertible into Delta common stock on a 1-for-1 basis. The deferred amounts will be paid, in cash, to the reporting person after she completes her service as a member of Delta's Board of Directors.

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